

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2018

Held on Thursday, 19th July, at 9.25pm at the Old Sergeants' Mess, Bisley Camp

Present: Theo Barclay (TB), Simon Belither (SB), Chris Belk, Emma Cannings (EC), Kevin Gladding (KG), Nick Hinchcliffe (NH), Michael Horrell (MH), Oliver Howard-Vyse, Jonathan Hull (JH), Simon Noble, Simon Pattinson, Jeannie Pattinson, Robin Pizer, Ant Ringer, Harriet Walker, James Watson (JW), Chris Watson (CW), Vicki Watson, John Webster, Benjamin Yates (BY)

Apologies: Tom Adams, George Christopherson, Reg Curtis, John Dorrington, Jo Dickson, Nicholas Harvey, John Humphrey, Robert Kenward, David Mathieson, Peter Mayne, Stephen Merton-Jones, Gareth Morris, Henry Reynolds, Nick Royle, Alex Williams.

1. Minutes of the last AGM

With minor amendments, the 2017 AGM minutes were accepted.

2. Treasurer's Report

JH thanked JW for all his work in supporting the club, and invited him to give the Treasurer's Report.

JW distributed copies of the club accounts. He stated they had been inspected by Jeremy Mumby, to whom thanks are due for his work. The club accounts are in good health, with a surplus last year. Once again, no recent school leavers applied for a subsidy towards their Imperial Meeting costs.

John Webster said that Home Office approval may get more expensive. JW replied that UVRC have just renewed their HO approval, so the club is covered for the next seven years.

The accounts were proposed by EC, and seconded by SB.

3. Club Report

JH gave the club report, as EC had only recently taken over as captain.

The club had a successful year in 2017. Chris Watson won the Grand Aggregate, and was given a round of applause from the club in recognition of this. Chris and Gaz Morris also won silver for Wales in the Commonwealth Games. The club also won two concurrent trophies over the Meeting, and Simon Osmond won the Prince of Wales for the second year running.

Following discussions at the previous year's AGM, JH had a productive 45-minute conversation with the Headmaster. During this, he offered to help with fullbore coaching, and this offer was accepted. CW and JH gave a Chapel talk to the whole school, which received a good reception. In addition, JH assisted with coaching at Easter at Bisley, and over the summer at the Oundle range as well as at Bisley during the Schools Meeting.

The annual smallbore match against the school took place at Uppingham in March. The Headmaster attended the match, was given a UVRC tie and was provisionally invited to be an honorary member of the club – subject to ratification at this AGM. John Webster duly proposed this, seconded by NH – and thirded by acclamation.

JH thanked KG and the School Team for making him welcome, and for making him feel part of their community. The team had a good Meeting – several members were in the Cadet 100 on most days, and the Bermuda Cup was won. The team came 5th in the Ashburton Fours, and would probably have won had a rifle not misfired at 300x. TB then thanked JH for all his time and help.

JH thanked Willie Callingham (Fgh 1969) for his kind donation of £1,000. This has been used to buy a new Uppingham gazebo, which is greatly appreciated and making a great difference.

JH, and the club, congratulated SB on being appointed Captain of England for the National Match (with EC as adjutant), and also John Webster on being appointed Captain of GB Veterans at the 2019 World Championships in New Zealand.

4. 2019 School Shoot and Dinner

JH announced that the 2019 School Shoot and Dinner will take place in early March. The Headmaster will once again be invited, and details will be circulated in due course.

5. Former Club Members

The club took a few moments to remember Maj AM Tippet and Mr PJ Willmott, who died over the past year.

6. Election of Officers

It was noted that the President and Captain have two more years to run until their terms expire.

JH was re-elected as President (proposed by JW, seconded by CW).

EC was re-elected as Captain (proposed by SB, seconded by JW).

MH was elected as Honorary Secretary (proposed by BY, seconded by EC). JH thanked BY for his three years in this office.

JW was re-elected as Treasurer (proposed by John Webster, seconded by EC).

Oliver Howard-Vyse was elected as Under 25 Captain (proposed by JH, seconded by MH).

All other officers elected *en bloc* (proposed by SB, seconded by EC):

Ben Bullard	Firearms Secretary
Chris Watson	Committee Member

7. Awards

Club Championship	Chris Watson
Simon Pattinson Tankard	Emma Cannings
Donegal Badge	Oliver Howard-Vyse
Watson Rose Bowl	Cecilia Ashu
President's Tankard	Alistair Milmore
Ferrend Cup	Cecilia Ashu

KG awarded club ties to Cecilia Ashu and Abigail Howe, and announced that Ross Carmichael will be Captain of Shooting for 2018/2019. KG also once again thanked JH for his help over the year and particularly over the Schools Meeting.

8. Any Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 9.47pm.